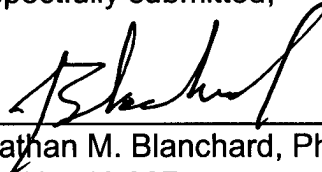


In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [001] on page 1 with the following paragraph.

a! [001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Nonprovisional Application No. 09/344,620, filed June 25, 1999, entitled "Methods and Compositions for Attachment of Biomolecules to Solid Supports, Hydrogels, and Hydrogel Arrays", and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/224,070, filed Aug. 9, 2000, entitled "Use and Evaluation of 2+2 Photoaddition in Immobilization of Oligonucleotides on A Three Dimensional Hydrogel Matrix", which is incorporated by reference, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/232,305, filed Sept. 12, 2000, entitled "The Use and Evaluation of 2+2 Photoaddition in Immobilization of Oligonucleotides on A Three Dimensional Hydrogel Matrix", which is incorporated by reference.

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